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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment amending the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, between the title and "Field of Invention" please add the following:

--Related Application and Claim of Priority

This application is a continuation of PCT Application No. PCT/EPO/03242 having an international filing date of April 12, 2000, which designates at least one country in addition to the United States and which claims priority from German Application Nos. 199 21 435.2 filed May 8, 1999 and 100 01 910.2 filed January 19, 2000. For priority purposes, this application claims the benefit of 35 USC 371 and/or 35 USC 120.--

Assuming the Examiner has entered the substitute specification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cancel the specification which forms a part of Item 6 of the